

## Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

*A Parish of the Diocese of New England of the Orthodox Church in America*

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## Sunday, June 7, 2020

### The Sunday of Holy Pentecost

Also, June 7, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra (3<sup>rd</sup> c. AD), the Hieromartyr Marcellinus, Pope of Rome, and those with him (3<sup>rd</sup> c. AD), the Martyrs Kyriake, Kaleria, and Mary of Caesarea, in Palestine (3<sup>rd</sup> c. AD), Venerable Daniel of Sketis (6<sup>th</sup> c. AD).

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## Holy Pentecost

*By Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann*

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

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**Our Parish is Engaging the Process of Re-opening:** In view of the present concerns about the transmission of the coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19, our parish remains closed for full worship services. However, we are now permitting, by appointment, visits to the Church building (temple) by individuals or small groups who presently constitute a "social bubble." These visits, by appointment with and hosted by our Pastor, Fr. John Hopko, are for prayer, and for the possibility of participation in the Sacrament of Confession and the reception of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

For further information, contact Fr. John. Fr. John may be contacted at his office landline, which is 860-582-3631, or by voice or text message at his cellphone, which is 860-944-3486. You may, also, email Fr. John at the parish email address, which is [terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com](mailto:terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com).

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for all victims of disease, disaster, difficulty, and senseless violence throughout the world, especially in this time of pestilence and civil unrest.**

**+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!***

*First of all, we pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19. Memory Eternal!*

## ***Newly Departed***

Mitred Archpriest Nicholas Timpko—CT Deanery priest	d. 5/16/2020
Archpriest Paul Lazor—Saint Vladimir's Seminary professor	d. 5/9/2020
Jean M. (Farrell) (Semanoff) Drexler—widow of a Waterbury parishioner	d. 5/29/2020
Peggy Anne Perry McIntosh—friend of the Livermans	d. 5/19/2020
Natasha Frances McIntosh—Peggy Anne's daughter	d. 3/24/2020
Sophie S.—an aunt of Fr. John's; relative through marriage	d. 5/16/2020
Barbara—acquaintance of Frank Guba; victim of cancer	d. 5/11/2020
Patricia "Pat" Knutson—seminary classmate of the Hopkos	d. 5/6/2020
Sophie Bukowski—a Terryville neighbor; aged 100	d. 5/5/2020
Deborah—aunt of an acquaintance of ours	d. 4/30/2020

## ***Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!***

Dimitri Shewchuk	6/7/1949
Alexei Fomin	6/8/1942
Anna Kostyk	6/8/1957
Mary Tadaychuk	6/8/1961
Joseph Andrash	6/8/1961
Antonio LaRoche	6/8/1981
Mary Belik	6/8/1984
John Zhuk	6/9/1943
Tessie Suslenko	6/9/1959
Joseph Pavelchak	6/10/1943
Eva Komanetsky	6/10/1971
Mark Macibora	6/11/1972
Anthony Kalechy	6/12/1913
Theodore Tadaychuk	6/12/1967
Rose Shavstruck	6/13/1955

## **THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP**

*First of all, we pray for all those suffering due to the present pestilence which is COVID-19, and those working to alleviate their suffering.*

### ***Persons captive and suffering for the Faith***

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

### ***Those who are sick and suffering***

Fyodor (Frank) Guba—increasing sufferings from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)  
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment  
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer  
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin

Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease  
Dayrl—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease  
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer  
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; suffering with Huntington's Disease  
Maria Oraschewsky—now requires dialysis three times a week  
Yelena "Lenna" Massicotte—overcoming, by God's grace, serious health challenges  
Katie and Aubrey—a mother and daughter for whom we have been asked to pray  
Tanya Beach—suffering long-term and lingering effects of brain hemorrhage  
Mark—a profound diabetic for whom we have been asked to pray  
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna Osuch; battling breast cancer  
Anna—friend of Patty Nimchek; has requested our prayers  
Mary—relative of Mike Liverman; requesting prayers for health  
Simone—relative of Mike Liverman; requesting prayers for health  
Anna Sz.—recovering from Coronavirus infection; other health issues, too  
Barbara—friend of Patty Nimchek; unwell and in need of prayerful support  
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; unwell at this time  
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery  
Vincent—relapse of cancer; relative through marriage of P. Oraschewsky  
Michael—C. Palleria's cousin; suffering with cancer  
Rosie Dubnansky—recent health issues  
Michael "Mike" L.—recent health issues  
John "Jack" K.—recently unwell  
Mark—Mark Orelup's father; in his mid-90s, and unwell of late

### ***Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities***

Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother  
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke  
Dolores—Bob M.'s mother, resident in long-term eldercare

### ***Expectant Mothers***

Amanda and the child to be born of her—Amanda is an acquaintance of C. Palleria  
Marina and the child to be born of her—Marina is one of Fr. John's many nieces  
Diana and the child to be born of her—Joel and Julie Kowaleski's daughter-in-law  
Nadia and the child to be born of her—Nadia is Rich and Laura K.'s daughter  
Anyia and the child to be born of her—Anyia is one of Fr. John's many nieces

### ***Travelers, Those Soon to be Traveling, and Those Apart from Us***

All those who are traveling, soon to be traveling, or apart from us

### ***Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces***

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")  
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps  
Joshua Pcsolyar—fiancé of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army pilot  
Alexander—relative of C. Palleria's; 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division soldier deployed abroad

### ***Anniversaries of Marriage***

John and Nina Dubnansky 6/7

### ***Birthdays***

Louine "Anna" King 6/9  
John Kriniske 6/10

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## News and Notes

**Do not hesitate to call—Fr. John is ready to exercise pastoral care for you and yours!** Fr. John may be contacted at his office landline, which is 860-582-3631, or by voice or text message at his cellphone, which is 860-944-3486. You may, also, email Fr. John at the parish email address, which is [terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com](mailto:terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com).

**Donations to the Parish OR Support from the Parish:** Please, continue to support our parish during this challenging time. ***(Or, if you require financial support, because you are in crisis, contact Fr. John, personally and confidentially, and he will endeavor to help you get the assistance you require!)*** Donations to the Parish may be submitted via checks made out to and mailed to Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, 34 Fairview Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786-6329. Also, a PayPal Donation "button" (<https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/donatenow>) is located on our parish website to make online donations possible. Our parish is registered as a charity with PayPal, so we have slightly lower fees connected to the use of that means of receiving donations. For us, PayPal's fees are 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction and no monthly fee. (So, for example, a donation of \$100.00 given via PayPal will realize us actual income of \$97.50.)

# Notes from Fr. John: Regarding Recent Tragic Events

Dear Members and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT:  
Christ is in our midst!

I realize that I have been remiss in not directly and promptly sharing the following official Statement of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America related to recent tragic events. Here is that statement, dated May 31, 2020, and publicly available since that date on the website of the Orthodox Church in America. It merits our attention.

## **A Statement on Recent Tragic Events**

We, the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, mourn the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd on May 25, 2020. We too have looked with horror at the footage of this episode, and condemn the brutal actions that caused his violent death. We look to the civil authorities to bring to justice those who participated in this senseless tragedy.

We categorically reject racism in any form. Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), and was created to exist (Wisdom of Solomon 1:14). We are all, each of us, “one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).” As such, there should be no hatred, no enmity, no hostility between us, but reconciliation.

In the face of civil unrest, we call upon the members of the Orthodox Church in America, and to all the communities they live in, to engage in the service of righteousness and peace in the Holy Spirit. We exhort everyone to “pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding (Romans 14:17, 19).”

Finally, we offer our prayers to God for Mr. Floyd, his family, and to those communities that are experiencing anxiety, sadness, and despair, because they have seen destruction of life and property.

– *The Members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America*

I hope and pray that we all have been thinking and praying, seriously and sincerely, about the specific matter of Mr. Floyd’s death, and the broader societal issues related to it. The best thing that we can do right now is *listen*, with open hearts and with receptive minds, to the voices of those who yearn to be heard and understood.

We may not agree with everything that is said or done, or with how something is said or done. We must, however, endeavor truly to hear and see what is said and done. We must hear and see with ears and eyes that are being opened by God for the purposes of discerning and understanding what is true.

We know that God is Truth (John 14:6). So, we ask Him, the Compassionate Lord, to reveal the truth to us, so that we might know the truth and live the truth. For “the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).”

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us, sinners, and save us.

With love in Christ,

*Fr. John H.*

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the Sunday of Holy Pentecost*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 2:1-11)**

At that time, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because

each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (John 7:37-52; 8:12)**

At that time, on the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The

officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

## *Scripture Readings for the First Sunday after Holy Pentecost, which is All Saints Day*

### **The Reading from the Book of Hebrews (Hebrews 11:32-12:2)**

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats,

destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to

you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.